

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Harvest Hampered by Scattered Showers

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 30, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Harvested	94	87	87	79
Cotton Bolls Opening	79	69	75	77
Cotton Harvested	2	0	8	12
Peanuts Dug	35	15	21	22
Peanuts Combined	9	2	13	13
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	52	41	61	67
Soybeans Harvested	6	2	10	15
Winter Wheat Planted	1	0	4	2
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	8	21	38	30	3
Cotton	1	2	28	62	7
Peanuts	0	1	11	77	11
Soybeans	1	3	26	52	18
Livestock	2	5	24	61	8
Pasture & Range	3	5	25	60	7

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent				
District 10	6.8	0	25	75	0
District 20	5.9	0	5	85	10
District 30	6.5	0	10	85	5
District 40	6.9	2	22	75	1
District 50	6.6	0	13	77	10
District 60	7.0	3	23	67	7
State: Current Week	6.6	1	17	77	5
State: Previous Week	5.0	1	10	84	5

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: According to Donald Mann, FSA CED, heavy rains have delayed harvest for the next several days in Jackson County. However, Mann said yields for the most part have been good. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, confirmed some areas within Clay, Cleburn, Coosa,

Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties need rainfall immediately. Carolyn Bradley, FSA PT, said rain was needed in Conecuh County, as producers were beginning to see dryness increasing. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, said a dry week gave way to moderate to heavy rainfall that delayed harvest activities for a few days throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, reported this past week was a great week for harvest in Marion and Winston County. Malone said 95% of the corn crop had been harvested, double crop beans should be ready to harvest in a few weeks, and cotton harvest should start within the next 5 to 10 days. Gregory Key, FSA CED, stated corn harvest in Etowah and St. Clair County was nearing completion, with the highest yield reported at 140 bushels per acre. Key also stated cotton harvest was one to two weeks away, and there were some reports of boll rot. According to Jeffrey Smith, cotton harvest increased this past week. Amanda Ryan, FSA CED, confirmed Mobile County experienced several days of thunderstorms, which delayed peanut harvest. Smith said several fields were picked and stalks cut, while others applied their first shot of defoliant.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Henry Dorough, ACES REA, confirmed winter annual forages were planted and dry weather facilitated the final hay harvest for many farms throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and St. Clair Counties. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, said Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties received approximately two inches of rain that was much needed for winter grazing. Joe Capps, FSA CED, stated grass growth slowed due to the temperature and lack of rainfall, and livestock water level was low in Macon and Russell County.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, September 24, 2012, to
Sunday, September 30, 2012
(7 days)**

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	69.2	0.96
Atmore	Atmore	AL	72.0	1.99
Bankhead L&d	Bankhead	AL	70.9	1.47
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	69.6	1.37
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	70.7	1.23
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	72.3	2.05
Centreville	Centreville	AL	67.4	2.14
Clayton	Clayton	AL	72.1	0.69
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	65.9	2.10
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	73.3	1.50
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	71.6	2.45
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	70.6	1.56
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	71.5	2.18
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	69.9	1.94
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	68.7	0.78
Jackson	Jackson	AL	71.3	2.18
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	75.3	2.39
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	73.5	1.04
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	68.7	0.91
Russellville #2	Russellville	AL	68.7	2.35
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	67.2	2.62

U.S. Drought Monitor, September 25, 2012

National Weather Service

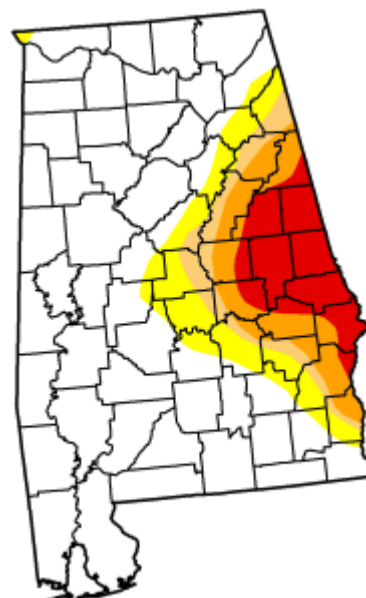
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	71.58	28.42	19.42	15.36	8.69	0.00
Last Week (09/18/2012 map)	70.57	29.43	19.42	15.36	8.66	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/26/2012 map)	11.31	88.69	46.73	20.59	13.78	1.08
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	52.55	47.45	39.68	29.11	14.38	0.00
One Year Ago (09/20/2011 map)	45.08	54.92	44.35	30.60	17.37	0.00

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Drought - Extreme
 D1 Drought - Moderate D4 Drought - Exceptional
 D2 Drought - Severe



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